



# PREF PROPELLER

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## SUPT.'S CORNER

**By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent**

As I'm sure most of you know, I have been absent from the facility since Tuesday of this week. I am attending the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents conference in Pittsburgh. This conference will give me the chance to learn from other Wardens and Superintendents from other states as well as share with them some of the new initiatives here in Indiana.

Being Superintendent of PREF gives me the opportunity to stay on the cutting edge of corrections. We are well on our way to making PREF a national model for correctional facilities, and by participating in these types of conferences I am able to take away information on how to continually improve. I look forward to bringing back some new ideas and sharing what I've learned.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**By: Dalton Haney, PIO**

PREF has a new teacher on grounds, Mr. Joel Schopmeyer. Many of you may have seen a new face in the Charlton School recently and wondered who the face belonged to. Many of you may have worked with Mr. Schopmeyer before.

Mr. Schopmeyer has over thirty years of experience in the Indiana

Department of Correction which began in 1972 at this facility. At the time, however, this facility was known as the Indiana Boys' School. Mr. Schopmeyer worked here until the facility closed in late 2005, at which point he transferred to the Plainfield Correctional Facility (PCF). At PCF, Mr. Schopmeyer taught Thinking for a Change and Literacy with Mr. Sharpe in a team teaching program.

Before joining the Department, Mr. Schopmeyer worked for the Indianapolis Public School system, and he now works at PREF as a GED and Literacy Teacher. He describes PREF as being "very different" than any other facility he has worked in. Mr. Schopmeyer says that he has worked with many PREF staff before and looks forward to working with them again. On behalf of everyone at PREF, welcome Mr. Schopmeyer.



**Mr. Schopmeyer speaks with a student during an afternoon class. His presence at PREF represents the return of another former Boys' School employee.**

## **LOOKING AT THE WAY YOU THINK**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

You have picked up a lot of beliefs in your lifetime. Many have come from your experiences with family and friends. Some beliefs may have entered your mind from what you have read, television and movies you have watched and other events that have taken place.

How you see yourself and the world around you is influenced by your beliefs.

Some of your beliefs may be causing you problems. They are not working. They may have gotten you in trouble at home, at school, or with the law.

You have an opportunity to judge your beliefs – your thinking – and then make changes that will help you.

In order to make changes, you need to recognize your faulty beliefs. This requires a thorough and honest look at the way you view yourself and others.

The good news is that you can change. The challenging news is that cleaning up your faulty beliefs requires work...and time.

## **UPCOMING CONCERT**

**By: Dalton Haney, PIO**

In approximately one week, PREF will be holding its first ever concert. The concert will be held in White Chapel on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Seating for the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the show will officially start at 6:00 p.m. The opening act, consisting of PREF music program residents, will perform at 5:30 while the crowd is being seated.

Beginning at 6:00, Mr. Jimmy Ryser, national recording artist, will perform. Mr. Ryser will be performing solo, with no back-up band. Following Mr. Ryser's

performance, local band Aces Wild will begin. Aces Wild is scheduled to begin at approximately 6:30. The concert will last until 8:00 in the evening and should be an entertaining show.

Due to space constraints, residents, staff, and volunteers are invited. No families will be permitted to attend the concert. The concert will take place during visitation that evening. Residents should be aware that if they are expecting a visit, they will need to be in their dorm and not at the concert for the risk of missing the visit. Other than that, those interested in attending the concert should simply show up.

## **RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

The resident that the PREF Propeller will be spotlighting this issue is none other than Mr. Holden of Dunbar dormitory. Mr. Holden has been here at PREF for a couple of months now. He has nothing but good things to say about the facility, its mission and its programming. Mr. Holden has not much more time to do before he will be released back into society. When he is released back into society he is certain that PREF will have helped him to be able to re-enter society as a law abiding citizen as well as a productive member of society. Mr. Holden is currently holding down the position as the clerk for the Culinary Arts vocational program. Mr. Brady, the Culinary Arts instructor, had this to say about his clerk, "Mr. Holden is a fine young man, a positive example for the students in the class and does exemplary work." Mr. Holden said that the real pleasure of being a part of Mr. Brady's staff and class is watching Mr. Brady do what he does as an instructor, even with his

sometimes limited resources. Most importantly, he cares for and about his students. Mr. Holden wanted it to be noted that he didn't say what he said about Mr. Brady because Mr. Brady said what he said about him. It is all in sincerity.

Keep up the good work Mr. Holden and best wishes to you in all that you do. The same best wishes are extended to you too, Mr. Brady.

## **SPORTS**

**By: Dalton Haney, PIO and Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

Listed below are the scores for the PREF winter basketball tournament games played on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2007:

### **April 10, 2007**

**Game 1 – Bulls 46, IU 49**

**Game 2 - Heat 65, Lakers 68**

### **Championship Game-April 12, 2007**

**Game 1 – IU 64, Lakers 80**

Congratulations to team Lakers for winning the first annual PREF winter basketball tournament. Team Lakers consisted of the following players: Courtney Radford, Ronald Smith, David Rice, Kenneth Ellis, Jeff Hornaday, Gregory Wells, and Antwon Crenshaw.

## **JUST A THOUGHT**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts, we make the world.

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be emailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, Young dorm.